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SUMMARY: GROUP B AT JULY 26 MEETING AGREED TO SEND LETTER TO UNCTAD SYG COREA REAFFIRMING ITS POSITION ON QUESTION OF UNCTAD'S PAYING FOR COST OF MEETINGS WHICH ARE ONLY OPEN TO ONE GROUP AND INSCRIBING ISSUE ON AGENDA OF OCTOBER TDB. GENEVA GROUP AGREED JULY 29 TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER TO COORDINATE POSITION OF ITS MEMBERS PRIOR TO GROUP B'S PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER TDB. GENEVA GROUP WILL ALSO PREPARE PAPER FOR USE BY GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS IN NEW YORK IN SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII). END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP B MET JULY 26 TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF UNCTAD UNDERWRITING COST OF G-77 PREPARATORY MEETING IN GENEVA ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FRG, AUSTRALIA, UK, CANADA AND FRANCE WERE IN FAVOR OF SENDING COREA LETTER AS AGREED AT JULY 20 GENEVA GROUP MEETING (REFTEL A)  
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EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT COREA'S FAILURE TO TAKE INTO

ACCOUNT GROUP B'S OBJECTIONS, BOTH IN PROCEEDING WITH THE MEETING AND IN THE ISSUANCE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS STATEMENT FOR THE MEETING (TD/B/L.436 OF JULY 9, 1976) (COPIES POUCHED WASHINGTON NORMAL DISTRIBUTION).

2. HOWEVER, SCANDINAVIANS OBJECTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT GROUP B HAD ALREADY MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR IN ITS JULY 7 LETTER (REFTEL B) AND ANOTHER LETTER WAS UNNECESSARY; THEY NOTED THAT THEY COULD NOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH A STRONGLY WORDED LETTER.

3. AS A COMPROMISE, LETTER WHOSE TEXT IS REPEATED BELOW WAS DRAFTED AND TRANSMITTED TO COREA, JULY 28. LETTER INSURES THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER TDB AND THAT GROUP B'S REQUEST AND POSITION WILL BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF TDB.

4. GENEVA GROUP (GF) MET JULY 29 TO REVIEW SITUATION (OTHER ITEMS SEPTEL.) GROUP B COORDINATOR (POSWICK) NOTED JULY 26 LETTER SENT TO PRESERVE GROUP B'S POSITION AND STRESSED THAT GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK MUST BE KEPT AWARE OF GROUP B'S POSITION AND MUST COORDINATE EFFORT TO GET CLARIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 3362. GG AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN REVIEWING BUDGETARY POSITION OF ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA AND PROBABILITY THAT ISSUE WILL APPEAR IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE DUPLICATING GROUP B'S WORK TO KEEP MATTER ON ITS AGENDA.

GG DECIDED THAT (A) IT WOULD MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS MATTER PRIOR TO GROUP B'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE TDB; (B) CO-CHAIRMEN WILL DRAFT PAPER OUTLINING PROBLEM INCLUDING BROAD IMPLICATIONS FOR ENTIRE U.N. SYSTEM; (C) PAPER WILL BE REVIEWED BY GENEVA GROUP AND FORWARDED FOR USE BY CONSULTATIVE GROUP SHOULD IT DECIDE TO MEET IN NEW YORK.

5. TEXT OF JULY 26 LETTER TRANSMITTED TO SYG COREA  
JULY 28:

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DEAR MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL,

GROUP B HAS NOTED DOCUMENT TD/B/L.436 DATED 9 JULY. WITHOUT GOING AT THIS STAGE INTO THE DETAILS OF THE TEXT OF THAT DOCUMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL MY LETTER OF 7 JULY AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE MEMBERS OF GROUP B REAFFIRM THE VIEWS EXPRESSED THEREIN.

CONSEQUENTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF GROUP B, REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA OF THE 16TH SESSION OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

"UNCTAD'S INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT OPEN TO PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF ALL GROUPS AND THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS THEREOF."

IN THE VIEW OF MY GROUP THIS LETTER, TOGETHER WITH MY LETTER OF 7 JULY, CONSTITUTE THE EXPLANATORY NOTE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE BOARD'S RULES OF PROCEDURE.

AS WITH MY LETTER OF 7 JULY, I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE CO-ORDINATORS OF OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS IN GENEVA AND TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA. I HAVE ALSO SENT COPIES TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

YOURS SINCERELY,

UNQUOTE ABRAMS

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